

New Bedford March 4th 1839.

My dear Anne,

Monday

I despatched a letter to Weymouth this noon, and will proceed journal fashion, directing to you. So day has been intensely cold, though I have no more idea of what the weather is till I go out, than if there were no such thing as cold. The thermometer in my chamber has never stood lower than 50 since I have been here - in the morning I mean. 39 you know is freezing. After school I had a pleasant ride round town with Mr Howland & Amiee. I got your letters by Abby yesterday & was much obliged for the same. The documents shall be carefully returned. Send any thing else that can be spared. I long to have the Grimké's letters. I can hardly conceive of their having fallen from grace - in the way that your answer indicates. May send them the first chance. I could have beat Mr Philbrick (leave him out of the question with great good will. May I show the letters to Susan Baker, or any of the faithful here? write if I may, for they all fall upon me for news.

Tuesday 5th Very pleasant. I called at Mr Emersons & got the Emancipator, the new paper to the Recorder, also the Advocate of Peace. The Emancipator says not a word of their circular or makes the slightest allusion to it. Do you get the new paper? I will call your attention to one little remark. "If we, whom God has made men, submit to such things, because we fear Southern bullets, our mothers ought to dress us in fetter boots, and from the signs of ~~the~~ times we believe in our soul they will." Their mothers had better

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leave to Garrison the dressing of them, for he will do it faithfully. We had company to tea. Mr & Mrs Alexander Gibbs, both so full of self importance & conceit that they hardly knew their own names, Mr & Mrs Roberts neither of whom I could abide. Mr R is a man of reading and talent I think, but very wrong on the Slavery question. A half & half English Abolitionist & you know how they would affect in this country gradualism and compensation every other word, but still all up in arms at the idea of a law to enforce the return of runaways. Neither is he any thing of a benevolent man as much to Mrs Howland's dissatisfaction, sat & told stories with Mr Gibbs, who is a perfect worldling, about the inconsistency of temperance people, & how they would privately drink gin. He inquired very particularly for you & seemed to have a very clear recollection of you. Mr Roberts is queer. Mrs Patience Patten, gossip general among the Unitarians. A Mrs House & Mrs Clark, neighbours, & several children made up the party. The next time I see Mr Gibbs I intend to find out what I saw about John Collins, for I understand he took tea there. I was very sorry that I did not see him while he was in town, for I love Collins.

Wednesday. 6th March. When I wrote this date I thought it was the anniversary of something, but I could not for some time think what. But I believe it was the day Maria sailed for England & it still looks like a very interesting & important anniversary to me. She & the whole family might go to Colchester & I hardly think I should remember the day they sailed, after hearing of their arrival. In the morning I took a walk. Mr Sabine, an innocent young Episcopalian, took

tea here. He is a pretty behaved young man, quite anti-slavery in his sentiments, but, oh so jolly green - He has got along so well that he asks for the anti-slavery papers the first thing. I gave him the Emancipator which he read with much gusto, particularly John Jay's speech. At night I had a letter from Maria enclosing resolutions, which to night I will attend to. I have not much hope that Caroline will come to New-Bedford, so I don't venture to ~~like~~ think of it. But I do wish that you could come somehow. What does Mary O. mean by her "inference". She feels strong with her to lean upon. Let me know all that that the epistolary art can convey. She creams, the sparkle, the elixir I know I lose, of necessity.

I am reading Pickwick & am highly entertained with it, but it is very dreary laughing all by ones self at 12 o'clock at night, for that is the most comfortable time to read it, & it is a book you can leave at any place I come to something which I thought very applicable to Caroline's case in regard to N. B. "We want to know in the first place," said Mr Pickwick, "whether you have any reason to be dissatisfied with your present situation?" "Afore I answer that 'ere question, gen'l'm'n," replied Mr Weller "I should like to know, in the first place, whether you are going to provide me with a better". If you have not read it, do, as soon as you can get it. Old Weller speaking of his second wife, "the widd'er", says that she has grown very religious. "She's too good a creature for me, Sammy. I feel I don't deserve her. And then she has got some new invention, in her head about a new birth. I should very much like to see you

mother in law born again. Wouldn't I put her out
to nurse!" I am just beginning Dr Channing's self culture
& think I shall like it. Mr Emerson is very kind about
papers & leaves nothing undone to get them for me.
Thursday 7th Before school I went up in town to the book-
-stores to get a book for Amilla & the evening I have
spent at the Sabers. Unfortunately, Poor was sick abed &
a number of strangers there, so I could do nothing about the
resolutions. Susan told me that James Congdon met St Claiborn
in the stage the other day, who asked him if he thought
it would be worth while for him to come to lecture in N. B.
Jimmy promptly assured him that it would not - He
then asked if Stanton would be more acceptable here. I
was informed that he would be very unacceptable,
that is if Jimmy tells the truth. I shall call at the
Sabers to-morrow.

Friday 8th I was invited to take tea at the Sabers
to-night, but the rain has prevented my going & I have
been hard at work upon my silk gown which is all but
finished & in the best style too. The Liberator came
to-night, but I saw no notice of any meeting of our
society. Oh the Villany of Taunton! I wish you
had picked Durfee's eyes out. I was sorry every thing
I ever said by way of fault-finding when you
were here to pierce a year ago - I shall go to the
Sabers to-morrow. Susan is as true as steel - I carried
them the 2^d number of the abolitionist in order to
incite them with that paragraph about N. B.
By the way the feelers think Mr Emerson must
ex officio be one of their number, an orthodox deacon
has a new paper sent to him every time it comes
out & by that means I am supplied. The slow down
are kinder than kind to me & I feel that I ought to
think myself very well off, but it is still the tents of
Theodas, as rector Watson says, with his emphasis upon the
last syllable. Since I have been here Mrs G. has presented
me with ~~white~~ cloth enough to make me a fetter-wol, a minute

the gingerbread apron, & it annoyed her so to see me use
the handkerchiefs every day, that she has presented
me with two courses ones. I have considerable time,
my hand, but I think I improve it faithfully
never think of going to bed till 12 o'clock. I am studying
as I used to study at school. I try to wear myself out, but in
spite of all I can do I think I grow fleshy - Tell mamma
I have not had the least of the headache since I have
been here, but I have had what I dislike more, & that
is a lame ankle, or rather a disagreeable feeling ^{in my ankle} which
nothing carries off - No one but myself would take
any notice of it, but as I have had it almost ever
since I have been here I don't at all approve of it -
It is now Tuesday the 11th & as I have not written
^{this day or two}
I must go back to Saturday 9th. I called at the
doctors & found Susan still sick. Had some talk with
Molly, whom I met in the street, upon her situation
which with what I have said before, worried her
considerable, but poor creature, she is perfectly helpless
My only hope is, that as she is ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~greatly~~ ^{a good deal} frightened
she may exert herself. Harriet - Boston is not coming
on account of her health.

Monday 10th. I heard Mr. Sabine preach in the morning, &
in the afternoon went to Mr. Peabody's, who preached a
very interesting sermon, on the moral laws. Took tea at
the Doubleday's.

Monday as Susan still continues sick, I put the resolutions
into Susan's hands. The meeting comes next Monday
night, & they will have to take up the conduct of
the managers of the Society -

Do write & tell me where you are & what you are about
I feel as if I had not heard from home for a great
while. Aunt Mary trusts me, I think like a beast
What you give her a shaking in my name - If you
are at Weymouth get Emma along in Lotion as much
as you can - With much love to all I am ever
yours Deborah Weston

Miss Anne W. Weston.
Weymouth
Mass.

March 4th 1839
Deborah Weston

If you want to tell Sarah Ann any thing
about Stephen's, I refer you to Mary Doolen's for information
She knows him I believe.